

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ECONOMIC and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and ENVIRONMENT**

COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012

6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brantley; Co-chair, Martinez; Co-Chair,
Lyons, Curwen, *Blunt

*= arrived late

NON-COMMITTEE: Council members: Council President McCarthy

OTHER(s): A. McGoldrick, Central Grants Office
Associate Attorney Pacacha
Mike Nidoh, OPED

Co-chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

AGENDA

Approval of Committee Minutes of June 21, 2012 (Special Meeting).
Approval of Committee Minutes of June 26, 2012 (Special Meeting).
Approval of Committee Minutes of July 2, 2012 (Special Meeting).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO CONSOLIDATE AND APPROVE
THE MINUTES**
**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

101-11 Proposal to Grant Easement for Transformer on property occupied by Cesar Batalla Elementary School to facilitated Clinton Commons Affordable Housing Project, 75-101 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport.

Attorney Pacacha stated that this matter pertained to the Caesar Batalla School, wherein the city has transferred authority to the Board of Education for educational purposes. However, the city still owns the property, but they need a small piece of the school site to install a transformer at the Clinton Commons Housing Project that the city supports. He pointed out that the site is so tight, so they need to locate the transformer at a small fenced in area that will be safe for the school.

Co-chair Brantley asked if the transformer will be where the school playground is located. Mr. Nidoh displayed the map to show the location of the easement in proximity to Clinton Avenue. He pointed out the playground area in the back, noting that the transformer will be located on 15 square foot grassed area. He added that a letter was submitted from the Board of Education from Jorge Garcia in support of the project.

Council member Curwen asked Attorney Pacacha who had the authority to sign the letter. He commented that he thought the authorization should have come from the Board of Education. Mr. Nidoh said the authorization from Jorge Garcia came through the Board of Education. Council member Curwen reiterated that the authorization should come from Superintendent Vallas or Bob Trefry of the Board of Education.

Attorney Pacacha said they made sure the matter sent before the BOE and he wasn't sure that approval required a formal board or consent. He stated that the letter that was submitted should be acceptable. Council President McCarthy said if the Board of Education approved the project, he suggested that the minutes from the board meeting be provided for the record to record the approval.

Council President asked what the tax benefit would be for the project. Attorney Pacacha said the transformer will be taxed just as the building is taxed. He clarified that it's not considered a separate back up generator that would be normally be taxable. Council President McCarthy commented that there was no dollar benefit then to the city.

Council member Lyons stated that she was reluctant to pass anything on her end without a signed authorization – *per the memo submitted from Jorge Garcia*. She emphasized that proper paperwork should be submitted in the future.

Mr. Nidoh noted that the proper paperwork would be available at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting on July 30, 2012.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 101-11
CONTINGENT UPON PROPER CONFIRMATION FROM THE BOARD OF**

**EDUCATION BOARD AND APPROVAL FROM THE PLANNING & ZONING
COMMISSION**

**** CO-CHAIR BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

103-11 Grant Submission: re State of Connecticut Department of Social Services for the Elderly Health Screening Grant Program.

Ms. McGoldrick stated this item pertained to a grant for elderly health screening for elderly residents. The grant amount is \$22,203.00 and there is no city match. It's a six month grant for the period July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. She explained that they contract with Bridgeport Hospital to provide the screenings.

Council member Lyons asked Ms. McGoldrick to clarify the grant period. Ms. McGoldrick said it's the period to expend the funds for the formulated grant.

Co-chair Brantley asked what type of screening is provided and how they go about getting the seniors notified. The health director stated that Bridgeport Hospital subcontracts a nurse who goes out to the senior centers and provides the screening. She provides accurate data, nutrition counseling, basic health services and referrals for follow up.

Co-chair Martinez requested more information to find out the exact types of services the nurse provides. She further noted they need additional awareness for seniors about the services.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

104-11 Grant Submission re: 2012-2017 State of Connecticut Department of Public Health STD/TB Grant Program.

Ms. McGoldrick stated this grant pertained to funding to reduce the transmission of STD's and TB through the Public Health Department. It's a 5-year grant and there is no city match. The grant amount is \$312,960.00 and it runs over a five year period. The funding also covers the staff person.

**** CO-CHAIR BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADDENDUM

92-11 Grant Submission re: 2012-2013 Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant for Bridgeport Health and Nutrition Education.

Ms. McGoldrick stated that this program is run by the State Department of Public Health. The grant funds a nutrition and physical activity component for forth and fifth graders after school program. It also covers food preparation classes. It's a one year grant from July 1, 2012 through July 30, 2013. The grant amount is \$27,258.00 and there is no city match. The funds will cover the farm stands located at McLevy Green, Health Department and St. Vincent's. She explained that students from Southern Connecticut College conduct the outreach and they provide set up and work in conjunction with the Cooking Matters staff.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE**

Council member Lyons asked if the grant also covered the Zumba classes. Ms. McGoldrick said the Zumba classes are for the forth and fifth grade after school program. The Lighthouse Program offers sixty (60) sessions among six (6) schools that will begin in the fall.

Ms. McGoldrick stated that it costs \$5,400.00 to pay the two (2) interns from July through October.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE
** CO-CHAIR BRANTELY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

95-11 Grant Submission re: State of CT DECD – City Canvas Grant Program.

Ms. McGoldrick stated that the purpose of this grant is to highlight and showcase downtown landmarks, combined with the Downtown Thursday events. They collaborated with the city and the Bridgeport Arts Cultural Council and selected twelve different artists to do a projection of an art piece once per week on four buildings in the downtown area. The grant amount is \$163,000.00; DSSD will provide \$25,000 and \$25,000 will come from capital funding for streetscape. She relayed that this is phase-I and phase-II will involve permanent art installation around the train station.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE
** CO-CHAIR BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

96-11 Grant Submission re: State Department of Social Services for 2012-2013 Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Ms. McGoldrick stated this grant pertained to a continued program. It involves a staff person and the programming is funded on the federal side. The purpose of the program is to solicit seniors for volunteer opportunities, where they are placed in different areas in the city. The grant amount is \$6,009.00 and there is a 20% match that was provided through CDBG funding.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE
** CO-CHAIR BRANTLEY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** CO-CHAIR BRANTLEY MOVED TO ADD ALL THE ITEMS THAT WERE
APPROVED TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR THAT WILL BE VOTED UPON
DURING THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED ON JULY 26,
2012
** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services